

Hudson willing to talk about ex hubby



The world's largest global newspaper

metro



HALIFAX • MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2008

metronews.ca

Success College
of Applied Arts and Technology
Established in 1893

Earn \$50,000 per year.

Call now for more information on our
Correctional and Policing programs!
Next program starting in September
Success College - Halifax

www.thinksuccess.ca
1-866-429-3497

Man charged after alleged abduction

WRIGHT'S COVE A 30-year-old Dartmouth man faces attempted murder charges today after allegedly abducting his girlfriend Saturday evening and threatening her with a baseball bat.

Police say the suspect, who cannot be named until his arraignment, took his 28-year-old girlfriend into the woods near Wright's Cove, where he allegedly attacked her while armed with a bat.

The woman escaped the assault and called the police, who arrested the man shortly after. She was not hospitalized for her minor injuries.

METRO HALIFAX

Toronto rocked by propane blasts

EXPLOSIONS One fireman is dead, one employee is missing and believed to be dead and thousands of people were evacuated early yesterday morning after a series of explosions at a propane plant in Toronto.

MORE COVERAGE ON PAGE 4

Local page 2

Woman sues for dog's life

Sports page 8



Paddy makes it a double

Special guest joins in on Lavigne love-in



Avril's husband surprises crowd for final number

DEAN LISK
dean.lisk@metronews.ca

It was the best part of the concert, and it happened at the very end. For her encore, Avril Lavigne brought a special guest on stage — her husband, Deryck Whibley.

"Well, well, well. Ladies and gentlemen, I came here tonight to perform the Canadian national anthem," said the Sum 41 singer before breaking into his group's hit song, In Too Deep.

Wearing skinny black jeans, Whibley rocked out on his guitar while his wife danced around and sang the chorus for the more than 6,000 at the Halifax Metro Centre last night.

The performance was part of Lavigne's Best Damn Tour, which has seen the 23-year-old travel around the world to support her third studio album, The Best Damn Thing.

"Are you guys ready to have a good time with us tonight? Let me hear you say hell ya," the heavily mascara-eyed singer said before breaking into her song, I Can Do Better.

Maybe it was because of the length of this tour —

she's spent a year and a half promoting this album — or just technical difficulties, but the show could have been better.

Lavigne's voice sounded pitchy and rough during some numbers, while during others she delivered the vocal goods — sometimes it was both in the same song.

There were musical lulls as Lavigne left the stage and then reappeared, and as instruments were being changed. A piano was rolled out when Lavigne performed

When You're Gone, and later in the concert a drum kit was brought out for her to play.

All this didn't seem to matter to most of her audience, largely made up of glow stick waving teens, tweens and their parents. Their Lavigne love-in happened before she was even on the stage. Many bounced in their seats in a sugar rush of excitement.

Opening for Lavigne last night was Mississauga's illScarlet. The Juno nominated band offered one of the more surreal moments of the evening. As it sang Mary Jane — about marijuana use — the young audience lit up their glow sticks and waved to the music.

Avril Lavigne performs in front of 6,000 adoring Metro Centre fans last night.



Earn \$31.45/hr
as a Professional
Home Stager.

THE HAVERHILL INSTITUTE OF STAGING & DESIGN

Enroll now at the Haverhill Institute of Staging and begin an exciting career as a Professional Home Stager.

Haverhill's employer assisted job training program guarantees you full or part-time employment as a Professional Home Stager following graduation.

Starting wage \$31.45/hr. Health benefits after 6 months.

Get started today! Call now for more Details:
1.866.927.7782 or visit haverhillstaging.com

* health benefits to full-time employees. Fully Refundable Course Fee Applies.

After running out of time for it last week, discussion of a new central library will be back on the council agenda tomorrow. Council is figuring out how to replace the deteriorating Spring Garden Road branch.. **METRO HALIFAX**

Local



Beaches shutdown

Fecal coliform bacteria levels at Russell Lake in Dartmouth scored higher than provincial and federal standards, so the HRM shut it down on the weekend. The municipality tests supervised beaches weekly, but unsupervised beaches like Russell Lake are monitored on a 'seasonal basis only.'

METRO HALIFAX

CENTURY COMPUTER Projector Rentals
daily from just **423-2500** **\$79**

NDP lobbies for time to review school changes

LINDSAY JONES
lindsay.jones@metronews.ca

DEADLINE The public should have more than just three weeks in the dog days of summer to comment on proposed changes to school board governance, says the NDP.

NDP education critic Percy Paris is demanding Education Minister Karen Casey extend the deadline for public input on her proposed changes to the Education Act, especially because her plan includes scrap school board byelections.

"It just seems like an inappropriate time to do consultation," Paris said.

"People are still in vacation mode; they're at the cottage, they're travelling. People's priorities are just in other places."

The Education Department announced legisla-

tive amendments on July 31 with an Aug. 22 deadline to receive public input.

Paris says the deadline should be extended to late September or October.

But an Education Department spokesman says that's just not possible.

Dan Harrison said the "compressed consultation" is necessary so that people

"People are still in vacation mode; they're at the cottage, they're travelling. People's priorities are just in other places."

Percy Paris

running for the school board will be aware of the new rules before upcoming election nominations close on Sept. 9. "We feel it's only fair that they get the opportunity to see what the rules governing the school board meetings would be like," Harrison said.

"In a perfect world we probably would've liked to have five, six weeks of consultation. We've given as much as we can."

Fighting to save her dog

Woman suing city over order to euthanize family pet

LINDSAY JONES
lindsay.jones@metronews.ca

An East Chezzetcook woman is suing the city to try and keep her dog alive.

Francesca Rogier says the city seized her dog Brindi on July 24 and ordered her to be euthanized.

Rogier says Brindi, a five-year-old female mixed breed, has attacked neighbourhood dogs on three occasions, but has never bitten a person and is normally calm and obedient.

"I think it's a very drastic measure to punish a dog that hasn't bitten a human or seriously hurt another dog," Rogier said.

She says the city issued a muzzle order in May after Brindi attacked two dogs in separate incidents. In one case, Rogier says a dog suffered puncture wounds and she voluntarily paid its vet bill.

Brindi was eventually seized four days after she slipped out of her owner's control without the muzzle and acted aggressively toward two dogs.

Rogier's statement of claim, filed in Supreme Court on Wednesday, says



Francesca Rogier has filed a court injunction against the city to keep her dog Brindi from being euthanized. Brindi, who Rogier adopted from a shelter a year ago, was seized by the city on July 24 after she attacked other dogs on three separate occasions

she disagrees with the facts underlying the city's actions: "The Plaintiff alleges that HRM has interpreted dominant behaviour as dangerous behaviour."

Rogier says suing is a last resort.

She says she's offered to put up a fence, pay a fine, boarding costs and a trainer, but the city won't budge.

online petition

Rogier started a blog (Freebrindi.blogspot.com) and launched an online petition, which has about 130 signatures in support of Brindi. A Calgary dog trainer has also launched the Facebook group, Save Brindi. So far, it has 129 members.

"I think I should be the one punished," Rogier said. "I don't think (Brindi) should have to lose her life if I made mistakes."

Halifax Regional Municipality spokeswoman Deborah Story says she can't speak about the case because it's before the courts.

Under the city's bylaw A-300, if a dog attacks a person or another animal, an animal control officer may issue a muzzle order; microchip the dog; classify the dog as dangerous in a municipal registry; or destroy the dog without permitting the owner to claim it.

Story said the dog owner receives a letter saying they have 14 days to get legal advice and file a court injunction.

"The dog would not be euthanized until the courts make a decision."

Tomorrow's Metro



Health: Henna tattoos may be attractive but they can harm your skin, experts say.

metronews.ca

What's online today.

View a photo gallery and clips of the massive explosion and fire in Toronto
Watch video reports on memorials for a Canadian soldier killed in Afghanistan and the victim of the Greyhound bus killing

Lotteries

Friday, Aug. 8
Lotto Super 7 8, 10, 16, 24, 37, 41 & 43. Bonus 7.
Saturday, Aug. 9
Lotto 6/49 1, 34, 37, 39, 40 & 42. Bonus 11.



Another attempt for Alexander

JON TATTIE
for Metro Halifax

HEALTH Jen Alexander was to start her 22-hour, three-province swim at 2 a.m. today, hopeful the jellyfish that thwarted her last attempt don't stop her this time.

In July, her marathon swim from Nova Scotia to New Brunswick to P.E.I. was stopped after 13.5 hours because of persistent vomiting. Alexander blamed it on the 60-plus jellyfish stings she suffered, along with ingesting too much salt water, inhaling boat fumes and hypothermia-induced shivering.

"We'll face fewer jellies, and have warmer water, but we'll also have a minefield of lobster-trap buoys to avoid," she said on her blog. "I've never (dodged



Jen Alexander is swimming from Nova Scotia to New Brunswick to P.E.I. today, a 22-hour marathon

buoys) before, so I have no idea how well we'll fare." Alexander, 33, is doing the epic 32-kilometre trek to raise awareness of type 1 ("juvenile") diabetes,

which she has had for 20 years. She'll pause every 30 minutes to tread water while she tests her blood sugar and manage her insulin levels

A trip down memory lane

GRAHAM NORTH
For Metro Halifax

SCHOOL Hundreds gathered at the former site of one of Halifax's last all-black schools this weekend to reunite and celebrate the one-room schoolhouse.

A potluck dinner and late-night dance highlighted a packed event list at a three-day reunion for the Upper Hammonds Plains School, a segregated school that closed in 1965.

"It was a step back in time," said Gina Jones-Wilson, president of the reunion committee. "Some of the students haven't seen each other since the school closed."

Former students, teachers and community pastors united at the old school.

It has since been transformed into the Upper

Hammonds Plains Community Centre for the small community of about 600 people.

Jones-Wilson helped orchestrate meet-and-greets, barbecues, a ladies' tea, a horseshoe tournament and a "full-house" dance that rocked until 1 a.m. Sunday morning.

"Oh, Lord have mercy, we had quite a few swings," said Linda Anderson, a 61-year-old former student at the school. "It was all the oldies but goodies from the sixties right on down."

Anderson shared her nostalgia with former classmates that travelled from as far as Arizona to reconnect with friends and look at pictures from their childhood.

"We shared, we talked, we ate, we drank... It was a memory we'll never forget."

New gathering place in Dartmouth

A community centre was opened — and celebrated — on Caledonia Road in Dartmouth this weekend. The \$5.5-million, environmentally-friendly building will also house the Boys and Girls club and a police community response office. **METRO HALIFAX**



Juel Maerz-McCallum enters the waters at Lawrencetown beach.

News in brief

ROBBERY Police are looking for a man who threatened the staff at Domino's Pizza on Quinpool Road with a "medical-type" syringe early Sunday and took off with an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect is a six-foot-two white male with a slim build and a goatee. **METRO HALIFAX**

ROBBERY A thief got away with an undetermined amount of cash Saturday after robbing the Ultramar at 280 Lacewood Dr. The suspect handed the clerk a note indicating that it was a robbery, and the clerk complied. The thief is a skinny, six-foot white male in his mid-20s. **METRO HALIFAX**

ASSAULT A 27-year-old man will appear in court Friday after allegedly striking a man in the face and stealing cash out of his pockets. The incident occurred near Creighton and North streets. The man will also face drug-possession charges after police found crack cocaine on him. **METRO HALIFAX**

Cops seek info on pepper-spraying

ASSAULT Witnesses weren't talking to police after three men invaded a Herring Cove apartment Saturday and pepper-sprayed the occupants. Officers said this was not a random act and that the men knew each other. **METRO HALIFAX**

She-surfers celebrated at One Life

Hundreds watch

JON TATTIRIE
For Metro Halifax

The waves were low but spirits were high yesterday as dozens of surfers took to the ocean for the second annual One Life Women's Surf Championship.

The competition, put on at Lawrencetown beach by One Life Surf School and Spa to showcase local female talent, drew hundreds of spectators. The heavy storm clouds held off and allowed competitors to take turns in the 15-minute heats.

Wendy Flinn's daughter Katie was in the waves. The 22-year-old was trying Nova Scotian waters for the first time after spending the last two years surfing in Costa Rica.

"I'm excited for her," Wendy said as her daughter paddled out, explaining the breaks of the waves with an expert's eye. Wendy explained that she had gone on a surf camp in Costa Rica.

"I was the granny of the group," she joked.

After a solid performance, Katie exited the water grinning.

"This is my first time competing," she said, noting it compared well with her experiences in tropical paradise.

"The beach break is completely different (here). It's a lot slower wave, and the temperature is extremely different, but it's great.

"You can't beat it."

Juel Maerz-McCallum, co-owner of One Life Surf, said the event is a chance for women and girls to get used to competition in a friendly atmosphere.

"The water's so warm, and the energy's awesome," she said after her own heat.

And the waves?

"There are waves, so that's awesome," she said. "They're not epic."

RONA

The Canadian  How-To People

Halifax

350 Horseshoe Lake Dr
Bayers Lake Park
902-876-3223

Store Opening Hours

Monday to Saturday: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Commercial Sales Counter

Monday to Friday: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Effective until August 12, 2008

Monday, August 11

PAINT THE TOWN RED. AND ONE MORE COLOUR IF YOU WANT.

BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE.

Every Monday

During **Paint Mondays** at **RONA Halifax**, purchase a 3.78 L can of RONA or RONA Collection brand paint or stain and get a second one free!



You do the painting. We do the recycling



Recycling leftover paint in Halifax just got a whole lot easier!

By promoting paint and coating recycling, **RONA** provides Halifax citizens with a safe, easy and ecological alternative to landfilling or incineration.

Just bring us your leftover paint (latex and alkyd), stain and varnish... and we'll take it from there.

Cash and carry prices effective until August 12 at RONA Halifax only. We reserve the right to limit the quantities sold both to contractors and to the general public. Not available for in-house accounts and clients with contractual agreements. Though we go to great lengths to avoid errors, human or mechanical errors may occur. In case of error, we will do everything in our power to satisfy the customer. The RONA price guarantee does not apply to special orders, liquidation sales, end-of-season sales or competitor's going-out-of-business sales (see in-store for details). Some items may differ from their photo; refer to description. Prices do not include HST. **"Paint Monday" offer:** Valid at RONA Halifax only. Offer valid on Mondays and can be terminated without notice. Bonus offer applies on a product of equal or lesser value. We reserve the right to limit the quantities sold both to contractors and to the general public. [®]Trademarks of AIR MILES International Trading B.V. Used under license by Loyalty Management Group Canada Inc. and RONA Inc.

The AIR MILES[®] program, another great reason to shop at RONA!



Lawyers for Omar Khadr, the Canadian man imprisoned at Guantanamo Bay have filed a lawsuit against Prime Minister Stephen Harper in a bid to force him to intercede with Washington on the inmate's behalf. Harper has so far refused to ask the United States to repatriate Khadr. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Canada

"Road mortality is a significant factor of influencing snake populations."

Adam Martinson, a University of Calgary student working on a Masters degree, speaking about his study of snake deaths.



Snakes

Martinson is at Dinosaur Provincial Park in Alberta, trying to discover why snakes, in increasing frequency, are being compelled to slither on to the province's roadways. **REUTERS**

'Sounded like an atomic bomb'

Massive propane explosion rocks Toronto neighbourhood

As the flames died down from yesterday's massive series of explosions at a Toronto propane plant, they left behind a cloud of outrage.

Thousands of people, forced to flee their homes, are demanding answers from the city as to why Sunrise Propane Industrial Gases was allowed three years ago to build a distribution plant in a long-established residential area in Toronto.

A 25-year veteran of the fire department, Bob Leek, died fighting the conflagration. A Sunrise employee was missing and believed also to have died.

He reportedly was last seen heading toward the fire.

But the neighbourhood got off very lucky, said



A fire started in a propane storage area in the Wilson and Keele area of Toronto on Sunday morning. Area residents were awoken by a blast that shook houses and broke windows blocks away.

Toronto Fire Division Commander Bob O'Hallarn, though the pre-dawn blast

shattered windows over a wide area and flying debris damaged buildings hun-

dreds of metres away.

"It sounded like an atomic bomb," said Fernando Caschera, 56. "My father wakes up and he goes, 'What are you making so much noise for?'"

The owner of Sunrise was said to be out of the country.

The fire continued to burn last night but was declared "under control."

Several people described the panic of being roused from their sleep by a series of rolling explosions, their homes brightly lit by orange fireballs soaring into the sky.

"I thought it was a terrorist attack," said Carlos Montoya.

Others feared an earthquake or a jetliner crashing down on them.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Church backs out of protest

JEFF CUMMINGS
Metro Canada



MURDER A controversial U.S. church group that had planned a protest outside of a funeral for a slain carnival worker Saturday backed out for fear of being arrested, said one member yesterday.

Shirley Phelps-Roper, a member of the Kansas-based Westboro Baptist Church, says six youths and an adult did make it through the border to pick-

et outside of Tim McLean's funeral in Winnipeg, but the church changed its mind at the last minute because "laws in Canada do not protect their right to protest."

The group has angered Canadians from coast-to-coast by planning to stage a protest at McLean's funeral who claims the 22-year-old man, beheaded on a Greyhound bus, "deserved his fate" since he lived an "immoral and godless life like other Canadians."

News in brief

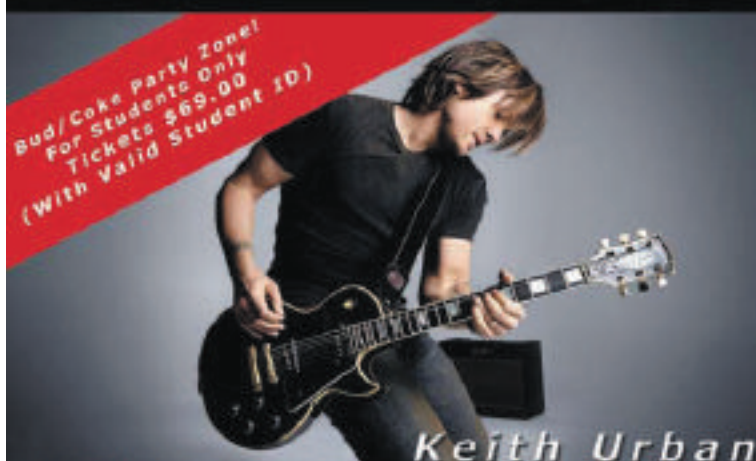
AFGHANISTAN An investigation is under way as it's believed Canadian soldier, Master Cpl. Josh Roberts may have been killed accidentally by a passing convoy of private security guards over the weekend.

CANADIAN DETAINED Five Tibet activists including 24-year-old Montrealer Chris Schwartz have been detained after they used fake blood to stage a dramatic protest in Tiananmen Square yesterday.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Country Rocks

Here For The Party!



Keith Urban



Great Big Sea

Over Ten Hours of Entertainment with Guests: Gretchen Wilson, Johnny Reid, Aaron Pritchett, Jimmy Rankin, Charlie Major, Mark Cameron

Saturday August 30th



Halifax Commons

Gates Open at 11:30am
(One Folding Chair and One (1) Litre Bottle of Water Allowed Per Person)

Tickets Available At:

Ticket Atlantic Box Office, Participating Atlantic Superstores
Phone: 902.451.1221 / Web: www.ticketatlantic.com



Edwards admits to affair

Former U.S. Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards admitted Friday that he had an extramarital affair in 2006 with a woman who produced videos for his campaign, but said he was not the father of her infant daughter. Edwards' wife Elizabeth said she supports him as the family works through the healing process. **REUTERS**

5

World/Business

Georgia pulls back, offers peace talks

Russian troops take South Ossetia capital

Georgia offered Russia a ceasefire and peace talks yesterday after pulling troops back from rebel South Ossetia's capital, and mediators began a mission to end the internationally condemned fighting.

Some fighting still gripped parts of the Caucasus region, however, and Russia demanded an unconditional Georgian withdrawal.

French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner arrived in Tbilisi at the head of an international team of mediators, the first top level diplomatic mission to fly to the region in an attempt to stem the bloodshed. It was due to move on to Moscow today.

After meeting Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili, Kouchner said a "controlled withdrawal of the troops" was his main priority.

The United States main-



A Georgian woman holding her baby cries at her damaged home in Gori yesterday. Russia has started an operation to storm the Georgian-controlled Kodori gorge in Georgia's breakaway region of Abkhazia, the Georgian Interior Ministry said yesterday.

tained its strong criticism of Russia, condemning its "disproportionate and dangerous" military action.

Russian troops and tanks took control of Tskhinvali, the region's devastated cap-

ital, early yesterday after a three-day battle. Moscow said 2,000 civilians were killed and thousands made homeless in a "humanitarian catastrophe."

REUTERS

Karzai urges action in Pakistan

TALIBAN Afghan President Hamid Karzai yesterday urged the world to target the Taliban in Pakistan, adding that operations by foreign troops in his country had only led to civilian deaths among Afghans and not success in the war.

Afghanistan and Pakistan are both U.S. allies, but ties between the two have for decades been dogged by a border dispute. Recently, Kabul openly accused Pakistan of involvement in violence in Afghanistan, where the Taliban and al-Qaida militants routinely attack foreign and Afghan forces.

REUTERS

Bombers strike West China again, 11 dead

SEPARATISTS Suspected Muslim separatists and suicide bombers launched a dozen attacks in west China yesterday, killing 11 people in the blasts and a subsequent shootout with police in renewed violence two days into the Olympics.

It was the second attack in restive Xinjiang in a week after 16 police were killed at a border post on Monday.

China says militants seeking an independent "East Turkestan" homeland for Muslim Uighurs in the Xinjiang region are among the top threats to the Beijing Olympics,

Police response

- Police shot dead eight assailants, while another two blew themselves up. A security guard also died in the attacks.

which began on Friday.

Homemade grenade attacks shook Kuqa, a town in the south of Xinjiang more than 3,000 km from Beijing, as 15 men attacked supermarkets, hotels and government offices in the early hours of yesterday, the official Xinhua news agency said.

REUTERS

News in brief

VIETNAM About 80 people have been killed and dozens remain missing in north Vietnam as heavy rains brought by tropical storm Kammuri triggered landslides and floods. The country's weather officials warned of more flash floods and landslides yesterday

in what has been described as the biggest natural disaster to hit Vietnam this year.

BOLIVIA Bolivian President Evo Morales easily won a recall vote yesterday and vowed to push on with socialist reforms that his rightist opponents in

South America's poorest country are trying to block. The recall pitted Morales against governors who have pushed for autonomy for their resource-rich provinces and are furious that he has cut their share of windfall natural gas revenues.

REUTERS

Business

Economists label July job report as 'gruesome'

ECONOMY Statistics Canada said an unexpected 55,200 jobs were lost in Canada last month, providing more evidence of a continued economic slowdown and prompting economists to label the figures everything from "grisly" to "gruesome."

Most of the losses, 48,000, were in part-time work and were centred in manufacturing, business, building and other support services and educational services, the government agency reported Friday.

Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island all took a hit on the job loss front.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Business in brief

CANADA Hybrid auto sales jumped by more than 66 per cent to almost 12,000 in the first six months from the same period in 2007, manufacturers' figures show. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

METRO Halifax

3260 Barrington Street, Suite 102
Halifax, NS B3K 0B5
Tel: 902-444-4444
Fax: 902-422-5610

Advertising: 902-421-5824

adinfohalifax@metronews.ca

Editorial:

metrohalifaxinfo@metronews.ca

Distribution inquiries:

halifax_distribution@metronews.ca

metro_inquiries@metronews.ca

halifaxletters@metronews.ca

Local:

Publisher, Greg Lutes
Managing Editor, Rachel Boomer
rachel.boomer@metronews.ca
Marketing Manager, Christina Edwards
Sales Manager, Dianne Curran
Distribution Manager, Irma Moore

National:

Group Publisher, Bill McDonald
Editor-in-Chief, Dianne Rinehart
Art Director, Laila Hakim
National Sales Director, Susan Courtney
Interactive Director, Jodi Brown



Metro is the world's largest newspaper, with more than 20 million daily readers in 100 major cities in 21 countries.

metronews.ca

Win VIP Treatment at Contry Rocks 2008!



Here's your chance to win the best seats in the house!

Click on **WIN** at **metronews.ca** for your chance of the ultimate prize pack of 2 VIP tickets, back stage passes and a night at the Lord Nelson Hotel!

You will be *automatically* entered for a chance to win one of 10 pairs of general admission seats to see the concert of the summer!



THE LORD NELSON
HOTEL & SUITES

metronews.ca

If 1 million people changed four incandescent light bulbs each to compact fluorescent light bulbs, 900,000 tons of greenhouse gases would be eliminated, according to The Live Earth: Global Warming Survival Handbook by David de Rothschild. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Going Green

Water, water everywhere

Canada's water use averages out to 1,600 cubic metres of water per capita each year. This is double the amount used in France per person, nearly four times the water use of the average Swede and more than eight times that of the average Dane, according to Greenology: How To Live Well, Be Green And Make A Difference by Tanya Ha. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

EDITOR: MIKE DEREZYCKY, MIKE.DEREZYCKY@METRONEWS.CA

Positive signs for North

Air quality index hits Internet

ScienceMatters

David Suzuki & Dr. Faisal Moola



Are Canadian politicians finally paying serious attention to the environment?

Recent events and announcements give us reason for optimism.

The Ontario government's recent commitment to protect 50 per cent of its intact boreal forest offers further hope that governments are getting serious

about protecting the planet.

On July 14, Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty committed to preserve 225,000 square kilometres of northern boreal forest under the province's Far North Planning Initiative.

It's a significant commitment, and it's something more than 1,500 of the world's scientists had asked for, including us.

The boreal forest stretches across the northern part of Canada, touching almost every province and territory and covering 35 per cent of the country's total land mass. It represents about one third of the world's circumpolar boreal system and one quarter of all intact forests remaining on the planet.

The region supports three

"The Ontario government's recent commitment to protect 50 per cent of its intact boreal forest offers further hope that governments are getting serious about protecting the planet."

billion migratory songbirds and more than 200 species of animals, including dozens of threatened or endangered species such as woodland caribou, grizzly and polar bears, wolverine, lynx, and white pelican.

The announcement is significant not just in terms of conservation but also because it marks the first time a government in Canada has explicitly recognized the role nature conservation must play in combating global warming.

The boreal's forests and peatlands absorb and store massive amounts of carbon, making them a hedge against global warming caused by emissions from human activity.

Scientists estimate that Ontario's northern boreal alone absorbs 12.5 million tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions a year.

With this announcement, Ontario has taken an important and courageous step, one that we hope other provinces will follow. For ex-

ample, Quebec has protected less than five per cent of its own boreal forest, and although it has plans to increase this, it has yet to make a commitment as visionary as Ontario's.

The recent attention governments have been paying to the environment are positive signs. But successful conservation efforts can't be limited to aspirational goals announced at news conferences. We all have a responsibility to make sure governments live up to their commitments.

Take David Suzuki's Nature Challenge and learn more at www.davidsuzuki.org.

Dr. David T. Suzuki is a Vancouver-based award-winning scientist, environmentalist and broadcaster.

POLLUTION Each year, an estimated 6,000 Canadians die prematurely as a result of air pollution. Even more are hospitalized for respiratory or cardiovascular illnesses or suffer minor effects, such as coughing.

In order to minimize their exposure to noxious pollutants, and take steps to reduce emissions from their own activities, Canadians need to know when the quality of the air they breathe poses a risk to their health.

The new Air Quality Health Index, found at www.airhealth.ca, is the first index of its kind to take into account how the level of exposure to multiple pollutants can affect your health.

NEWS CANADA



Earn \$31.45/hr as a Professional Home Stager.

Enroll now at the Haverhill Institute of Staging and begin an exciting career as a Professional Home Stager.

Haverhill's employer assisted job training program guarantees you full or part-time employment as a Professional Home Stager following graduation.

Starting wage \$31.45/hr. Health benefits after 6 months.

Get started today! Call now for more Details:
1.866.927.7782 or visit haverhillstaging.com

* health benefits to full-time employees. Fully Refundable Course Fee Applies.

THE HAVERHILL INSTITUTE OF STAGING & DESIGN

We believe in the freedom of choice.



Next Generation
BlackBerry® Pearl™ 8130
\$0*
(3 year term)

HTC Touch
Diamond™
\$149.99*
(3 year term)

BlackBerry® Curve™
8330 smartphone
\$149.99*
(3 year term)

Moto
Q™ 9c
\$149.99*
(3 year term)

BlackBerry® 8830
World Edition smartphone
\$299.99*
(3 year term)

The most smartphones on Canada's largest High Speed network.†



 **TELUS**
the future is friendly®

For more details on these great offers, visit your TELUS store, authorized dealer or retailer, visit telusmobility.com or call 1-866-264-2966.

TELUS STORES & AUTHORIZED DEALERS

NOVA SCOTIA

Amherst

Town Square Mall

Antigonish

102B Post Rd.

Bedford

Bedford Place Mall

Sunnyside Mall

Bridgewater

Bridgewater Mall

Dartmouth

Mic Mac Mall

Dartmouth Crossing

535 Portland St.

202 Brownlow Ave., Unit C-U

Halifax

Bayers Lake Power Centre

6100 Young St.

5657 Spring Garden Rd.

6960 Mumford Rd.

1668 Barrington St.

740 Bedford Hwy. W

New Glasgow

Aberdeen Shopping Centre

New Minas

County Fair Mall

New Waterford

479 Heelan St.

Port Hawkesbury

20 - 47 Paint St.

Sydney

Mayflower Mall

Halifax Shopping Centre

337 Welton St.

Truro

245 Robie St.

Windsor

Fort Edward Mall

Yarmouth

Yarmouth Mall

NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

Grand Falls-Windsor

Exploits Valley Mall

St. John's/Mount Pearl

Avalon Mall

The Village Shopping Centre

5 - 336 Freshwater Rd.

55 Kelsey Dr.

35 Stavanger Dr.

Clareville

Random Square Shopping Mall

Cornor Brook

Corner Brook Plaza

NEW BRUNSWICK

Bathurst

Place Bathurst Mall

Edmundston

121 rue de L'Eglise

Fredericton

Regent Mall

1168 Smythe St.

Miramichi

Bridgview Plaza

Moncton/Dieppe/Riverview

Champlain Place

Wheeler Park Power Centre

33 Mapleton Rd.

535 Coverdale Rd.

106 - 451 Paul St.

Rothsay

82 Marr Rd.

Saint John

McAllister Place

Tracadie/Sheila

3379 rue Principale

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Charlottetown

Charlottetown Mall

Summerside

102 - 475 Granville St.

► FUTURE SHOP

BEST
BUY

WAL-MART

Phone availability and price may vary. Prices are subject to change without notice. *Available until September 30, 2008. Effective net price after in-store discount at time of activation. Available for clients (new and renewal) who activate voice and data service with a combination of a voice rate plan and a data add-on totalling \$40 or more. TELUS reserves the right to modify eligible rate plans with this offer at any time without advance notice. †Best selection of smartphones for EVDO service areas. For coverage maps, see telusmobility.com. Facebook for BlackBerry is available on all BlackBerry devices. TELUS, the TELUS logo and the future is friendly are trademarks of TELUS Corporation. The BlackBerry smartphone and RIM families of related marks, images and symbols are the exclusive properties of and trademarks of Research In Motion Limited - used by permission. FACEBOOK is a registered trademark of Facebook, Inc. Google and the Google logo are trademarks of Google Inc. Yahoo! is a registered trademark of Yahoo! Canada Co. All other trademarks are property of their respective owners. © 2008 TELUS.

Cleveland Browns wide receiver Braylon Edwards spent Saturday night in the hospital after receiving stitches in his right foot. Browns head coach Romeo Crennel said Edwards was expected to be released yesterday, and had no timetable for the player's return. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

EDITOR: JONATHAN P. KUEHLEIN, SPORTS@METRONWS.CA



O-Dog out for the season

Arizona Diamondbacks second baseman Orlando Hudson, left, will miss the rest of the season after having surgery on his dislocated wrist on Saturday night. Hudson left Saturday's 11-4 loss to the Atlanta Braves after suffering the setback.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Paddy makes it a double

Harrington claims PGA Championship after winning British Open last month

Irishman Padraig Harrington putted superbly over the closing stretch to seal his second consecutive major title with a two-shot victory at the PGA Championship yesterday.

One month after successfully defending his British Open crown at Royal Birkdale, Harrington held off the challenge of playing partner Sergio Garcia and American Ben Curtis with a four-under-par 66 at Oakland Hills Country Club.

The Irishman edged ahead by sinking a 10-foot birdie putt at the par-three 17th before ramming in a 15-footer to save par at the last for a three-under total of 277.

"I knew that I had the opportunity to get the putt in

first," Harrington told reporters of his birdie on the 17th green where Spaniard Garcia struck his tee shot to four feet.

"That was important. I knew if I holed it, I probably would win the PGA. If I missed, Sergio would probably win the PGA. So it was down to that and I hit a lovely putt. I read it exactly how I wanted it and it did exactly what I expected."

Harrington became the first European to win the tournament in 78 years, since Scottish-born Tommy Armour won in 1930.

He also became the fourth player after Walter Hagen, Nick Price and Tiger Woods to win the British Open and PGA Championship back-to-back.

REUTERS



Padraig Harrington of Ireland kisses the Wanamaker Trophy after winning the 90th PGA Championship at the Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Township, Mich., yesterday.

Del Potro tops Roddick in L.A. finals

TENNIS Argentine teenager Juan Martin Del Potro upset top seed Andy Roddick 6-1, 7-6 yesterday to win the ATP event in Los Angeles and claim his third successive title.

In his first final on hard courts Del Potro, 19,

produced a brilliant and mature performance, rocketing winners past the American for his 14th consecutive victory.

"I played a very good week and today I played unbelievable," Del Potro told reporters.

"I don't think Roddick was 100 percent but I played unbelievable to win. I beat (Tommy) Robredo last year but to beat Roddick in the United States, I think is the best win of my career."

REUTERS

Rays' Crawford put on 15-day DL

MLB The Tampa Bay Rays placed outfielder Carl Crawford on the 15-day disabled list yesterday with a subluxation of his right middle finger tendon. Crawford is batting .273 with eight homers, 57 RBI and 10 triples this season.

In addition, the Rays activated outfielder Rocco Baldelli from the 60-day DL.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Lee helps Tribe sweep away Jays

INDIANS 4 BLUE JAYS 0

MLB Cliff Lee pitched eight shutout innings and Shin-Soo Choo had three doubles and a run scored as the Cleveland Indians defeated the Toronto Blue Jays, 4-0, completing a three-game sweep at Rogers Centre yesterday.

Grady Sizemore finished with two hits, an RBI, and a run scored, while David Dellucci added a run-scoring double for the Indians, who have won four of their last six games.

Lee (16-2) allowed eight hits and struck out one without issuing a walk. The veteran left-hander became the first 16-game winner in

the America League, and has pitched 17 straight scoreless innings against the Blue Jays.

"I was able to throw strikes, working ahead in the count and trying to stay away from 2-0 and 3-1 counts," Lee said. "For the most part I was able to do that. They put the ball in play and we made some good defensive plays."

Canadian Scott Richmond (0-2) suffered the loss after working five innings. The rookie right-hander, making his third career start, gave up three runs on nine hits, while striking out five and not allowing a walk.

METRO NEWS SERVICES



Cleveland's Cliff Lee shut down Toronto's offence yesterday, as the Indians beat the Blue Jays 4-0 to complete a three-game sweep.

MARK KINCH/REUTERS

SCOREBOARD

MLB	W	L	PCT	GB	Philadelphia	W	L	PCT	GB	Cleveland 4 Toronto 0
AMERICAN LEAGUE					64 53 .547					Detroit 6 Oakland 1
EAST DIVISION					62 55 .530					Kansas City 5 Minnesota 4 (12 ings)
W	L	PCT	GB		62 56 .525 2½					L.A. Angels 4 N.Y. Yankees 3
Tampa Bay	71	46	.607	—	55 63 .466 9½					Tampa Bay 11 Seattle 3
Boston	67	51	.568	4½	44 74 .373 20½					Texas 15 Baltimore 7
N.Y. Yankees	63	55	.534	8½						NATIONAL LEAGUE
Toronto	59	59	.500	12½						Florida 8 N.Y. Mets 2
Baltimore	56	60	.483	14½						Houston 13 Cincinnati 4
CENTRAL DIVISION										Philadelphia 6 Pittsburgh 3
W	L	PCT	GB							Milwaukee 5 Washington 4 (13 ings)
Chicago Sox	65	51	.560	—						San Diego 16 Colorado 7
Minnesota	65	52	.556	½						San Francisco 5 L.A. Dodgers 4
Detroit	58	59	.496	7½						Arizona 6 Atlanta 1
Kansas City	54	64	.458	12						St. Louis 12 Chicago Cubs 3
Cleveland	52	64	.448	13						TODAY'S GAMES
WEST DIVISION										AMERICAN LEAGUE
W	L	PCT	GB							Toronto at Detroit, 8:05
L.A. Angels	74	43	.632	—						Baltimore at Cleveland, 8:05
Texas	61	58	.513	14						N.Y. Yankees at Minnesota, 9:10
Oakland	54	63	.462	20						Boston at Chicago White Sox, 9:11
Seattle	45	73	.381	29½						NATIONAL LEAGUE
NATIONAL LEAGUE										Pittsburgh at N.Y. Mets, 2:10
EAST DIVISION										Washington at Milwaukee, 3:05
W	L	PCT	GB							
Philadelphia	64	53	.547	—						
N.Y. Mets	62	55	.530	2						
Florida	62	56	.525	2½						
Atlanta	55	63	.466	9½						
Washington	44	74	.373	20½						
CENTRAL DIVISION										
W	L	PCT	GB							
Chicago Cubs	71	47	.602	—						
Milwaukee	67	51	.568	4						
St. Louis	65	55	.542	7						
Houston	58	59	.496	12½						
Pittsburgh	53	64	.453	17½						
Cincinnati	52	67	.437	19½						
WEST DIVISION										
W	L	PCT	GB							
Arizona	60	58	.508	—						
L.A. Dodgers	58	59	.496	1½						
Colorado	53	67	.442	8						
San Francisco	50	66	.431	9						
San Diego	46	72	.390	14						
YESTERDAY'S RESULTS										
AMERICAN LEAGUE										
Chicago White Sox 6 Boston 5										
NATIONAL LEAGUE										
St. Louis at Florida, 8:10										
San Francisco at Houston, 9:05										
Philadelphia at L.A. Dodgers, 11:10										
CFL										
EAST DIVISION										
W	L	T	PTS							
Montreal	4	3	0	8						
Toronto	3	4	0	6						
Hamilton	2	5	0	4						
Winnipeg	1	6	0	2						
WEST DIVISION										
W	L	T	PTS							
Saskatchewan	6	1	0	12						
Edmonton	4	3	0	8						
Calgary	4	3	0	8						
B.C.	4	3	0	8						
WEEK 7										
FRIDAY'S RESULTS										
B.C. 40 Edmonton 34										
Montreal 39 Winnipeg 11										
THURSDAY'S RESULTS										
Calgary 30 Saskatchewan 25										
Hamilton 45 Toronto 21										

We believe in staying in the game with instant updates.



TELUS
the future is friendly®

RACING Travis Benjamin of Maine won the Atlantic CAT 250 Saturday at Scotia Speedworld. It is the first career Pro All Stars Series win for Benjamin, who lead for the final 45 laps in front of close to 4,000 fans. **METRO HALIFAX**

METRO HALIFAX

No Matter Where You Call, No Matter What You Pay, Comwave Will Beat It... Guaranteed!



Call Long Distance Even From Your Cell Phone

- No need to cancel your service provider
- 118 Free Long Distance for every third payable
- No Contracts

Limited Time Offer

Call Now And Get **\$25**

Free Long Distance To anywhere in the World

Latin America

COLOMBIA 3¢	URUGUAY 7¢
Argentina.....2.9 ¢	Brazil.....2.9 ¢
Cuba......85 ¢	Ecuador.....12.9 ¢
Haiti.....16.9 ¢	

Middle East

JORDAN 4¢	LEBANON 9¢
Saudi Arabia.....3.9 ¢	Syria.....18.9 ¢
U.A.E.....19.9 ¢	Egypt.....14.9 ¢
Iran.....3.9 ¢	Israel.....2.9 ¢

South Asia

INDIA 6¢	PAKISTAN 5¢
Afghanistan.....24.9 ¢	Bangladesh.....3.9 ¢
Nepal.....7.9 ¢	Sri Lanka.....11.9 ¢

Africa

KENYA 6¢	SOMALIA 49¢
Algeria.....7.9 ¢	Libya.....24.9 ¢
Morocco.....18.9 ¢	Nigeria.....6.9 ¢
Niger.....13.9 ¢	

Even If You're Paying Less, Call Us And We'll Beat It!

Fully Featured Home Phone Lines

2 Great Plans

Phone Enhanced

\$14.95

Unlimited Local Calling

Phone One Rate

\$29.95

Unlimited Long Distance to Canada and USA

- Caller ID
- Voicemail
- Call Forwarding
- Call Waiting
- Keep Your Existing Phone Number
- Free iPhone to iPhone calls WORLDWIDE!

And Much More!



Call Now And Get **FREE**

One Month Of Phone Service

\$5

Unlimited

Calling To Anywhere In **Canada**

You can even call from your cell phone!

The Comwave Global Bundle

\$10 - **1000** minutes **1¢** per min

Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Denmark, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Iceland, India, Italy, Mexico, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, UK, USA

Call Over 20 Countries from only **1¢/min**

1-866-519-8090

www.comwave.ca

Fall River's David Kikuchi and the rest of Canada's men's Olympic gymnastic team were narrowly cut from advancing to the gymnastics floor final Saturday. **METRO HALIFAX**

Beijing Games

EDITOR: JONATHAN P. KUEHLEIN, SPORTS@METRONEWS.CA

Sports in brief

TENNIS Top seed Ana Ivanovic of Serbia withdrew from the Olympic tennis event yesterday with an injury to her right thumb. The French Open champion was due to take on Mariya Koryttseva of Ukraine in the first round but said yesterday she would go home to try to recover in time for the U.S. Open.

ATHLETICS Greek sprinter Katerina Thanou has been barred from competing in Beijing because of her role in a doping scandal four years ago, the International Olympic Committee said yesterday. Thanou qualified for Beijing but needed IOC approval to compete.

BADMINTON Vancouver's Anna Rice beat Jeannine Cicognini of Switzerland yesterday to reach the round of 16.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Medal count

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
#1	China	6	2	0	8
#2	U.S.	2	2	4	8
#3	S.Korea	3	2	0	5
#4	Italy	1	2	1	4
#5	Russia	0	3	1	4
#6	Japan	1	0	2	3
#7	France	0	2	1	3
#8	N.Korea	0	1	2	3
#9	Czech Rep.	2	0	0	2
#10	Australia	1	0	1	2
#11	Holland	1	0	1	2
#12	Spain	1	0	1	2
#13	Cuba	0	1	1	2
#14	Britain	1	0	0	1
#15	Romania	1	0	0	1
#16	Thailand	1	0	0	1
#17	Austria	0	1	0	1
#18	Hungary	0	1	0	1
#19	Sweden	0	1	0	1
#20	Turkey	0	1	0	1
#21	Vietnam	0	1	0	1
#22	Zimbabwe	0	1	0	1
#33	Canada	0	0	0	0

(Count at the end of Day 2)

Records fall in the water

Phelps claims second gold in Beijing as team sets new world standard

Michael Phelps dodged a bullet to collect his second gold medal and stay on course for a possible eighth on an incredible record-breaking day at the Water Cube early this morning at the Beijing Olympics.

Phelps joined his American teammates Garret Weber-Gale, Cullen Jones and Jason Lezak to smash the 4x100 metre freestyle relay after a breathtaking struggle with France that threatened to sink his chances of breaking Mark Spitz's record of seven golds at a single Olympics.

Phelps looked to have the gold in the bag when they led by half a body length with one lap to go but Jason Lezak overhauled Alain Bernard on the last stroke to win the gold in three minutes 08.24 seconds and carve nearly four seconds off the previous record, that was set yesterday.

Eamon Sullivan also claimed the individual world record in the same race when he led the Australian team off in 47.24, wiping 0.26 off Bernard's record. The Australians finished third, while Canada — led by Brent Hayden of Mission, B.C., who withdrew from the 200-metre freestyle semifinals to save his strength for the relay — placed sixth.

Japan's Kosuke Kitajima broke the world record to win the men's 100 breaststroke gold while Zimbab-



Kosuke Kitajima of Japan celebrates winning the gold medal in the men's 100-metre breaststroke final early this morning with a world record time at the National Aquatics Center at the Beijing Games.

we's Kirsty Coventry broke Natalie Coughlin's world record in the semi-finals of the 100 backstroke.

Australia's women grabbed their second gold in the pool when Libby Trickett won the 100 butterfly final while Rebecca Adlington scored a surprise win in the 400 metres freestyle to provide Britain with their first fe-

male swimming gold medalist in nearly half a century.

Adlington stormed home on the last lap to overhaul American Katie Hoff and win the gold in 4:03.22 seconds.

Hoff held on to take the silver in 4:03.29 while Joanne Jackson provided Britain with a second medal when she finished

third in 4:03.52.

World record holder Federica Pellegrini faded to finish fifth while defending champion Laure Manaudou was eighth.

Today's early action in the pool wasn't very good for Canada's swimmers.

Brian Johns of Richmond, B.C., finished seventh in the men's 400 metre medley final, while Col-

in Russell of Oshawa, Ont., and Ryan Cochrane of Victoria failed to reach the final.

Annamay Pierse of Edmonton failed to qualify for the finals in the women's 100 metre breaststroke, as did Jillian Tyler of Calgary and Julia Wilkinson of Stratford, Ont.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Bush treated to U.S. razzle-dazzle

BASKETBALL The millionaire stars of the U.S. basketball team swept past hosts China yesterday in the showcase match-up of the Olympics, watched by tens of millions on Chinese TV and cheered on by U.S. President George W. Bush. Talismanic giant Yao Ming, flag carrier for China at the opening ceremony, could not protect his colleagues from the speed and power of the NBA professionals.

Ming, who plays with the Houston Rockets, scored 13 points in the 101-70 loss to the U.S. in what was billed as the most watched bas-

ketball game in history.

Bush and his father, former President George H. W. Bush, huddled with the U.S. team ahead of the game to wish them luck.

"What's up, pops?"

NBA scoring champion LeBron James quipped to Bush's ageing father.

Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant, the NBA's MVP, won a huge cheer from the star-dazzled home supporters but the



James

loudest shout from the raucous 16,000 crowd was for Ming, China's favourite athlete along with 110m hurdler Liu Xiang.

The U.S. team is still smarting from winning only bronze at Athens in 2004 and has nicknamed itself the "Redeem Team". They have joked they will be unable to return home without the gold.

The Americans will face a tougher test in their other Preliminary Group B matches against world champions Spain and a tough Greece side that stunned them in the world semifinals in 2006. **REUTERS**



Business Development Coordinator

Transcontinental is Canada's fastest growing Printing/Media Company. We offer an excellent remuneration package of salary, incentives and benefits. Transcontinental Printing in Dartmouth is seeking a motivated and enthusiastic candidate to join a highly effective team where each member will apply good communication, leadership, inter-personal and solid technical skills. We are currently seeking a Business Development Coordinator to join our team and establish a successful career path within our Sales department. The Business Development Coordinator contributes to Transcontinental's success by identifying new clients, establishing positive relationships with prospects and securing new business.

Responsibilities:

- Achieve operating targets and maximize profitability through effective communication and proactive management of accounts. Communication will primarily be by use of phone, email and mail but may from time to time require site visits.
- Maximize positive and strategic relations with customers by communicating, problem solving and ensuring excellent customer service.
- Identify, prospect and qualify potential accounts and internal company synergies or other profitable opportunities that will result in growth of the unit, group and sector.
- Communicate with existing clients or prospects in order to sell the company's products among a designated territory.
- Collaborate with sales and marketing teams to help complete designated tasks.

Qualifications and Competencies:

- Ability to "cold call" is essential
- Able to establish rapport quickly and develop trust
- Work autonomously to achieve established goals and objectives
- Able to demonstrate a positive attitude and work in a collaborative manner with fellow team members
- Demonstrate exceptional interpersonal skills and customer empathy
- University degree or equivalent experience
- Strong desire to succeed in a sales profession

Applications:

Individuals interested in applying for this position are requested to send their résumé prior to August 21, 2008 to the attention of Brenda Yorke by e-mail (yorkbe@transcontinental.ca) or by fax (902-468-9751).

Please note that only selected candidates will be contacted for an interview. Your application will be treated with confidentiality and within equal opportunity principles.

UAlberta gets U.S. accreditation

The U.S. Liaison Committee on Medical Education has awarded the University of Alberta's Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry full accreditation. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Workology



Learned soldiers

The education level among Canadian Forces members is on the rise, according to a recent Statistics Canada report. Between 1988 and 2002, post-secondary graduation among personnel grew 48 per cent.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

EDITOR: DOUGLAS DUNLOP, DOUGLAS.DUNLOP@METRONEWS.CA

Hop, skip and a jump to flip, soar and a leap

OddJobs

Diane Peters



"If my body hurts ... then I don't want to do this. (But) right now, it's the greatest job on earth." Stacy Clark

Ever wonder what those lithe gymnasts romping across the mat in China this week will do when they grow up? You can't vault competitively forever.

But you can flip, soar, leap and balance for pay audiences, at least into your late thirties.

That's what Montrealler

Stacy Clark, 38, does. She started gymnastics at age six and competed at the national level until a back injury made her quit in her mid-teens. "It was hugely disappointing. When you do a sport like that, which takes up so much of your time, it really defines you." She then had a "normal" life and went to Ryerson for media arts and got a job in advertising in Toronto.

She was 26 when she saw an outdoor flying trapeze rig and people doing aerial stunts.

"Wow, I really have to try that," she said to herself. So she signed up for a circus class at Harbourfront Centre and took to it immediately. Eventually, she was taking classes four nights a week.

She met professional dancer Robin Szuch and the

two worked well together. Realizing no one in Canada was doing circus work as street performers, they created High Strung Aerial Dance in 2000. They had a portable 20-foot-high trapeze made and landed their first gig within a few months.

Weekends were soon filled with outdoor performances in summer and corporate gigs in winter. Clark kept working, but her boss gave her the summer of 2003 off to perform. She quit the following spring when the company was offered, in quick succession, work on a TV show, a trip to Japan and a job with the Canadian

Opera Company.

High Strung's street show combines theatre, comedy, acrobatics and aerial stunts. Clark wears a bun and plays the "straight" character while Szuch wears pigtails and is a total goof.

While maybe not as grueling as competitive athletics, this is a physical job that Clark knows she can't do forever. She recently moved back to Montreal to take a job with Cirque du Soleil as a talent scout.

Her employer, of course, lets her take time off for performances. "If my body hurts ... then I don't want to do this. (But) right now, it's the greatest job on earth."

The Lowdown

Job title: Aerialist
Salary: "I make as much as I did as an account director at an advertising agency."
Education: While Clark went the recreational training route, there are accredited circus schools across the country
Best part of the job: "Keeping fit is a perk, but the best part is that I love it."
Worst part of the job: "We don't have a crew, so we have to do everything ourselves."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

Homework help makes a difference

A new school year is fast approaching and, once again, homework will become a nightly activity.

However, according to a recent survey conducted by Ipsos-Reid for Kumon Math and Reading Centres, if parents take the time now to teach their child to proactively ask for homework support, it can help them improve academic performance and enjoy a more rewarding homework experience.

According to responses from more than 1,200 Canadian parents, more than half of the children who actively engage their parents in homework support perform at an average to above average level at school.

Also, children who engage their parents in the homework process enjoy more dynamic support. From monitoring homework progress (75 per cent) to discussing the assignment (75 per cent), these children are turning a once tedious and stressful task into an interactive, two-way dialogue about learning, creating a more rewarding and enriching homework experience.

"Students who ask for homework assistance demonstrate ownership of their work, and an interest in succeeding," says Dr. Donna McGhie-Richmond, education specialist for Kumon Math and Reading



Helping your kids with their homework can boost their academic performance.

Centres. "The converse is also true. Children who are struggling or feel that they aren't succeeding may stop trying altogether. Successful homework completion will help a child do better in school, and can instill greater confidence and promote good, independent study habits."

Parents can help by demonstrating an interest in their child's homework, and offering support, not by completing assignments, for their child, he added.

NEWS CANADA

WorkplaceLaw

Daniel Lublin

WILL RETURN



**Want to work for a Great Company?
Join our Team!**

We are one of North America's leaders in the printing and publishing industry and our Halifax location is currently seeking motivated, team focused individuals for entry level positions.

We offer:

- Competitive wages
- Excellent Benefits package including Health, Dental, Life Insurance, Short and Long Term Disability Insurance — Customize to meet your needs
- Employee Assistance Program
- Profit Sharing and Pension Plan
- Employee Training and Development Opportunities
- Strong commitment to promote internal candidates

- Wellness Program and on site Gym
- Team Environment that supports Continuous Improvement
- Safe working conditions

Qualifications:

- Must be able to work nights (core hours from 6:00pm to 2:00am)
- Access to reliable transportation (unfortunately we are not on a bus route)
- High School diploma or equivalent

If you enjoy working in a fast pace environment and take satisfaction in seeing a quality finished product this may be the opportunity you have been waiting for! Interested?
Drop by and fill out an application or send your resume to:

Tara LeFrense

11 Ragged Lake Blvd, Halifax, NS B3S 1C2

Email: tara.lefrense@transcontinental.ca

Please quote competition number: M07200808

**TRAIN
YOUR
BRAIN.**

Workout your brain daily, with Metro's Take Five.

metro
Do it daily.

YOUR JOB SEARCH ENDS HERE!

MANAGER
in Dartmouth, NS

YOU have experience in a travel agency - we'll help you improve your sales skills and reward you for your talents.
YOU have experience travelling the world - we'll teach you the travel business.

WE OFFER:

- Flexible Hours
- Great Locations and secure work environment
- Base Pay plus Bonus Incentives
- Fam, Educational & Personal Development
- Annual Manager's Conference
- Regional Conferences
- Long Term Employment (Career) opportunities with Sears Travel
- Latest Technology tools
- Health and Dental Plan
- Pension Plan
- Amazing Sears Store Discounts



Sears travel

Sears Travel has over 100 in-store locations across Canada. We are one of the leading travel companies in Canada with the strength of the Sears Brand, Sears Marketing, Sears Card Members, and Sears Stores. We offer you an opportunity for a long term career in Travel & Tourism.

To apply, please email your resume to: danielle.st.onge@sears.ca. Please indicate which position you are applying for. We thank you for applying, however only those applicants we wish to interview will be contacted.

Brad Pitt has joined the cast of Quentin Tarantino's next film *Inglorious Bastards*. The actor is expected to play Lieutenant Aldo Raine, the head of the Jewish resistance in the World War II film, according to trade papers. **BBC NEWS ONLINE**

Entertainment

Helping out

Singer Taylor Swift, left, announced onstage at a concert in the flood-beleaguered town of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, that she's donating \$100,000 US to the local Red Cross.

FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK



In brief

MARITIME TALES Musician David Stone will launch his new CD, *Tales Of The Shipwreck Shore* at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic tomorrow at 7 p.m. The album is a collection of songs inspired by local nautical stories. The event is free, and copies of the CD will be available.

LET THERE BE LIGHT The Nova Scotia Lighthouse Preservation Society will give a presentation on the Sambro Island Lighthouse, the oldest in North America, on Wednesday at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. The lighthouse is celebrating its 250th anniversary this year.

METRO HALIFAX

Box office

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres:

- 1 The Dark Knight:** \$26 million US
- 2 Pineapple Express:** \$22.4 million
- 3 The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor:** \$16.1 million
- 4 The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2** \$10.8 million
- 5 Step Brothers:** \$8.9 million
- 6 Mamma Mia!** \$8.1 million
- 7 Journey to the Center of the Earth:** \$4.9 million
- 8 Hancock:** \$3.3 million
- 9 Swing Vote:** \$3.1 million
- 10 WALL-E:** \$3.0 million

REUTERS

Finding who's got talent

DEAN LISK

dean.lisk@metronews.ca



This year's busker festival is out to prove that the Maritimes has talent.

Part of the 11-day event on the waterfront is a contest to search for some of the unique, strange and plain old fun that lies within the local population.

"We are going back to our grassroots of supporting local talent," festival director Billy Comer said about the Maritimers Got Talent competition.

"When this festival was first made it was a local talent competition to promote the arts in Halifax," he added.

"This year we looked for DVDs, for promos, and got around 50 DVDs and cut it down to five."

Among those competing in the inaugural talent search is fire artist Marissa Gough — called a human candle — who has appeared with Atlantic Cirque, and street magician Greg Ferguson.

Comedy will be provided by Canadian Idol cast-offs Luke and Jock, whose

song, *I Was Turned Down By Canadian Idol*, was featured during this season of the TV program. There will also be The REC'n Crew, which is part of Nova Scotia-based hip hop group Kola Corp., and pogo stick artist Daniel Mahoney. The Truro-based artist was among the acts featured at this year's Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo.

"It's going to be exciting to see," said Comer, who adds the public can vote for the act they like most. The winner will receive the opportunity to perform in next year's busker festival.

"When people come down and see there is this contest, we think it will quadruple next year with requests to be part of it — and we are going to have a bigger mix of everything."

Be there

• The Maritimers Got Talent competition runs daily at the WestJet Fun 'N' Festival Zone next to Summit Place on the Halifax Waterfront. Visit buskers.ca for more.



Marissa Gough, referred to as a human candle, is among the acts competing in the Maritimers Got Talent competition.

Comedian Bernie Mac dead at 50

Comedian and actor Bernie Mac, who starred in one of U.S. TV's few black sitcoms and appeared in the Ocean's 11 movies, died in Chicago Saturday after a bout with pneumonia. He was 50.

Publicist Danica Smith confirmed the death in a statement but gave no further details. "We ask that his family's privacy continues to be respected," she said. Reactions poured in from Hollywood, which was taken by surprise because two days ago, Smith



Mac in 2007

"The world just got a little less funny. He will be dearly missed," said George Clooney, who starred with Mac in the Ocean's trilogy of hit box office films.

Mac was hospitalized in Chicago Aug. 1, and Smith

said then his illness was unrelated to a chronic tissue inflammation called sarcoidosis, which had been in remission since 2005. Along with the Ocean's capers, he appeared in movies such as comedy *Guess Who* and *Mr. 3000*. He recently worked on a new TV show *Starting Under* and an upcoming film *Soul Men*. With his beefy frame and bulging eyes, Mac cut an imposing figure. His scathing comedic observations were inspired by his

impoverished childhood in Chicago and honed by years on the stand-up circuit.

Mac achieved national prominence after joining the *Kings of Comedy* stand-up tour in 1997 with Steve Harvey, D.L. Hughley and Cedric the Entertainer. Tapping into an under-served market of middle-class blacks, the dapper quartet sold out arenas across the country during their annual treks.

In 2000, director Spike Lee shot a hugely prof-

itable documentary about the tour. The following year, *The Bernie Mac Show* debuted on Fox, drawing from Mac's personal life. He played a married stand-up comic reluctantly thrust into parenthood when he takes custody of his sister's three children after she enters rehab.

"Losing him is like losing 12 people because he absolutely filled up any room he was in. I'm gonna miss the Mac Man," said comic actor Chris Rock in a story at E! Online.

REUTERS

Dartmouth North Has Talent

Open to all residents in Dartmouth North!

Children Under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.
Auditions: August 13th and 20th, 7 pm to 9 pm

Show starts August 27th!

Location: Dartmouth North Community Center
134 Pinecrest Drive

Info: Julie at 405.2426 | Sponsored by: TNT Fitness, Z103.5, Award East Squirrel Trophies and supported by United Way.

Entertainment in brief

HAYES DEAD Oscar-winning soul singer Isaac Hayes died in Memphis yesterday, Reuters reports. He was 65. His friend and former manager, Onzie Horne, said he had spoken to Hayes' wife, who confirmed that Hayes was found unconscious at his home, and rushed to a local

hospital where he was pronounced dead. The deep-voiced performer reached his commercial peak in 1972 when he won an Academy Award for his No. 1 hit *Theme from Shaft*. In his later years, Hayes reached a new audience by supplying the voice for Chef,

the libidinous sage on the cartoon series *South Park*.

MOVIE TO BOOK Madonna's documentary *I Am Because We Are* is to be turned into a photo book, imdb.com reports. The superstar wrote, produced and narrated the film about the plight of Malawian people

after travelling to the country where she adopted a toddler in 2006. The project is set to receive an accompanying tome, filled with images by Kristen Ashburn, excerpts from interviews with Malawian children, and a foreword penned by Madonna herself.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Branching out

Michael Kors, right, is flexing his acting muscles. The fashion designer will appear in an episode of Gossip Girl when the show returns with its second season, beginning Sept. 1.

PEOPLE.COM



Lure of The Hills too much for many

THE TV CRITIC VERSION OF STOCKHOLM SYNDROME: Given a choice of watching my own death, in slow motion, set to a soundtrack of emo bands or an episode of The Hills, I'd choose the former without a moment's hesitation.

Still, the mere existence of MTV's hot hit "reality" show fascinates me to no end — but not enough to actually contemplate watching the thing.

My suspicion is that, for TV critics and other people somehow concerned with the viability of the medium, knowing that The Hills is out there is like searching out the highest hilltop to watch the planet-killing asteroid arc across the sky on its way to ending all life on earth; you know it's out there, and that nothing will ever be the same again, but there's nothing you can do to stop it, so you'd might as well enjoy the brilliant, fiery, jagged scar as it's cutting through the atmos-

phere.

Time magazine's James Poniewozik has it bad for The Hills, as he confessed in a paean to the show published last week.

"Yes, The Hills is fake," he admits right off the top. "Fake in the sense that producers and participants acknowledge reshooting scenes and doing multiple takes. Fake in the sense that MTV's beautiful 'stars' are famous for little more than being on The Hills.

"And fake in that it's proof that a beautiful shot and a well-chosen sound track can imitate emotion in even the most banal scene."

On second thought, Poniewozik prefers the word "artifice" to "fake," and his enthusiasm for the show is hardly deterred by words like "shallow" either. "It all sounds shallow, and, O.K., it is," he practically swoons. "The surfaces are precisely what make The Hills entrancing: it is possibly the best-looking series



James Poniewozik waxes poetic about The Hills in Time magazine. "It doesn't just look better than life. It looks better than TV," he writes.

on television. It doesn't just look better than life. Where most reality shows use garish close-ups to show hot emotions, The Hills uses middle- and long-range shots in wide-screen, giving it a cooler feel and framing the subjects like art photography. It's full of liquid L.A. sun, in love with the way light plays on surfaces — car bodies, plate glass, glossed lips."

Poniewozik has obviously

penetrated much closer to the heart of The Hills' appeal — an appeal that's obviously there, though I've been utterly unable to divine its precise nature, or access any part of myself, past or present, that might have responded to The Hill's very circumscribed but exhaustively chronicled slice of life. "It's life, if you were young, lucky and beautiful and had your own cinematographer and sound-track curator,"

Poniewozik insists.

"If this is fake, maybe reality is overrated."

More to the point, it's hard to imagine that other networks aren't eager to learn the lesson being taught by The Hills' success, which is that if this is reality TV, then maybe fake TV is overrated.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

IntelVision

Rick McGinnis

rick.mcginis@metronews.ca

Seacrest joins Clark as co-host

NEW YEAR'S EVE SHOW Ryan Seacrest has been named permanent co-host of ABC's Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve, three years after the ubiquitous broadcaster stepped into the breach when Clark suffered a stroke. The annual fixture has been renamed Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve with Ryan Seacrest. Clark, 78, will continue as co-host. Seacrest also hosts American Idol and a morning radio show in Los Angeles.

Iron Man out on DVD Sept. 30

MOVIES The superhero smash Iron Man will be released Sept. 30 on DVD and Blu-ray Disc, distributor Paramount Pictures said Friday. With North American sales of \$316 million, the Robert Downey Jr. movie is the second-biggest movie of the year, behind The Dark Knight. Paramount is releasing Iron Man as a two-disc "Ultimate Edition" on DVD and Blu-ray. Each includes a making-of documentary and a feature on the origins of the Marvel superhero.

REUTERS

Earn **\$31.45/hr** as a **Professional Home Stager.**

Call now for more Details: **1.866.927.7782** or visit **haverhillstaging.com**

Fully Refundable Course Fee Applies.

HAVERHILL INSTITUTE OF STAGING & DESIGN

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	ABC Wild News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	High School Musical: Picture	Samantha Who	Samantha Who	The Mole	
7	7	7	ASN	Twice in a Lifetime	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	Gossip Girl (HDTV)	Sarah Connor Chronicles	Sarah Connor Chronicles	Comedy Now		
11	11	11	CBC	XXIX Summer Olympics From Beijing	Gymnastics, men's team final; swimming, semifinals and finals; volleyball, men's preliminary							
2	2	2	CBC-F	XXIX Jeux Olympiques	Chine	La Zone olympique (N) (SC)		Le Téléjournal	XXIX Jeux Olympiques			
32	32	32	CBS	News (N)	Evening News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Big Bang Th	How I Met	TwoHalf Men	Old Christine	CSI: Miami
69	69	69	CTM	TVA 18 heures	Suré-salé	Qui perd gagne (SC)		Monk (HDTV) (SC)	Histoires-filles			TVA 22 heures
6	6	6	CHIF	Entertainment	ET Canada	Risk Takers "Blasters"		Prison Break "Dirt Nap"		House "Fetal Position"		News (N)
9	9	9	CJCH	TMZ (N)	Degrassi: Next	Canadian Idol Top six		High School Musical: Picture		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		News (N)
10	10	10	ELTV	EastLink Mag.	Soccer Premiership - Halifax City vs. Halifax County (Live)					EastLink Television		
36	36	36	FOX	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	TwoHalf Men	TwoHalf Men	Prison Break "Dirt Nap"		Sarah Connor Chronicles		Fox First
12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Hollywood	Olympic Zone	XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) (Live)				
29	29	29	NW	BBC World	Business	CBC News	Beijing Today	Assignment: Beijing		CBC News: The National		National
4	4	4	PBS-B	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Greater Boston	Chronicles	Antiques Roadshow	History Detectives (N)		History Detectives (N)		Muhammad Ali
35	35	35	PBS-D	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	Business Rpt.	BBC World	Antiques Roadshow	History Detectives (N)		History Detectives (N)		Muhammad Ali
68	68	68	TQS	Les Simpson	L'été est Flash	Catherine (SC)	3 x rien (SC)	CSI: NY (SC)		Faut le voir		Drôle et sexy
23	23	23	BNB	Stars & Dogs	Business News		Market Call	Money Talks		Boom Oil		Market Call
18	18	18	CNN	(5) The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live		Cooper 360
54	54	54	GOLF	Golf	Lessons	PGA Seniors Championship		Top 10		Golf Central		Ryder Cup Highlights
52	52	52	RSE	Prime Time Sports		MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Detroit Tigers. From Comerica Park in Detroit.						Sportsnet Con.
55	55	55	SCOR	Drive This	Game On	RaceNight				(10:15) WWE Monday Night Raw		
45	45	45	SPD	Unique Whips		Pinks	Pass Time (N)	This Week in NASCAR (N)		101 Cars-Drive		Car Crazy (N)
53	53	53	TSN	Off the Record	SportsCentre	XXIX Summer Olympics (HDTV) (Live)						Auctions
43	43	43	FAM	Zoe 101	Life Derek	That's-Raven	Smart Guy	Zack & Cody	Natural-Sadie	Han, Montana	Life Derek	Ned's School
44	44	44	TOON	Eleen	Johnny Test	George-Jungle	Tom & Jerry	Tom and Jerry	Eleen	Total Drama	Futurama	Akira (1988)
26	26	26	TREE	Fifi-Floretots	Backyardigans	Wonder Pets	Night Grdn	The Wiggles	Franklin	Little Bear	Miss Spider	Comfy Couch
27	27	27	YTV	Drake & Josh	ICarly	The Next Star		Rugrats	Rocko's Life	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.	Falcon Beach
16	16	16	A&E	Cold Case Files (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		Intervention "Marie"		Intervention "Allison" (N)		Paranormal
70	70	70	APTN	First Talk	News	Mupu	Desti' Nations	Notre Peuple "Oimutsit"		Feeling Minnesota (1996, Comedy-Drama)		
50	50	50	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live (N)			Madrea's Family Reunion ** (2006, Comedy) Tyler Perry, Lynn Whitfield.					Comicview
37	37	37	BRVO	Street Legal		Cirque du Soleil's Solstrom		Putting It Together				Bone
97	97	97	CLT	Help TV "Spring Wheels"		The West Wing		The Great Anglo-Boer War		Decoding the Past		Traders
25	25	25	CMT	Dedicated "Kellie Pickler"		Sessions	Sessions	Karaoke Star "Edmonton, AB"		Reba	Hope & Faith	Home Improve.
49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Rick Mercer	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Laughs	Corner Gas	The Simpsons	South Park	MADtv
153	153	153	COURT	Situation Critical		The Investigators		The District "Wasteland"		Legal Briefs		Investigators
38	38	38	DISC	Canada's Worst Driver		Daily Planet		MythBusters		Really Big Things		Dirty Jobs
34	34	34	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House Hunters	Property Virgin	Design U	Home to Stay	Property Virgin	House Hunters	Location, Loc.
46	46	46	HIST	Disaster-Cent.	Masterminds	NCIS "Head Case"		Cities of the Underworld		Gangs of New York *** (2002)		
17	17	17	MM	Video on Trial	Video on Trial	America's Best Dance Crew		MuchTopTens (N)		The American Mall (2008, Musical Comedy)		
19	19	19	MMM	MusicProfile	mmmtop10.com		Rockschool	Rockschool	Rockschool	Rockschool	Rockschool	Rockschool
201	201	201	M1	(7:15) Abducted: Fugitive for Love (2007, Drama)		Exploration	Videos	The Amazing Race 7		Californication	Californication	Penn & Teller
23	23	23	OLN	Don't Forget Your Passport		Family Guy	Family Guy	The Sixth Man ** (1997, Comedy) Marion Wayans.				Departures
51	51	51	PEACH	Friends	Seinfeld							Frasier
206	206	206	PIX	(8:15) Jaws 2 (1978)		(8:15) Balance of Power ** (1997, Drama) Billy Blanks.		The Shining *** (1980, Horror)				
67	67	67	RDI	RDI Pékin 2008	RDI en direct	RDI en direct	400 fois Qué	Grands reportages (SC)		Le Téléjournal	Chine	RDI en direct
39	39	39	SHOW	Trailer Park	Billable Hours	ReGenesis "Phantoms"		Cold Squad		Trailer Park	Billable Hours	Jekyll (N)
40	40	40	SLICE	Skin Deep	Opening Soon	End of Leash	Til Debt-Part	End of Leash	Spoiled Rotten	Wedding SOS	Party Mamas	Matchmaker
47	47	47	SPACE	Relic Hunter		Stargate SG-1		Star Trek: Voyager		Taken "God's Equation" (DVS)		
14	14	14	SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgn.		Rudy *** (1993, Drama) Sean Astin.		
98	98	98	STAR	In Fashion	Star Treatment	Look-A-Like	Hollywood	TMZ (N)	Madonna	Scott Baio	Old School	Ellen Show
21	21	21	TLC	What Not to Wear		Little People	Little People	Take Home Nanny (N)		Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate
34	34	34	TROP	Are You Smarter		Deal or No Deal Canada		ET Canada	What Happen?	X-Weighted "Amy"		Smarter
20	20	20	TVS	Que-champion	Journal de Fr2	Toute une histoire		Venise secrète		McLeod's Daughters (N)		Divine Restor.
28	28	28	W	Doc "Busy Man"		Murder, She Wrote		Prime Minister	Wathtower	Confidential	Divine Design	How Clean
22	22	22	W	Shopping Bags		How Clean		How Clean		One Tree Hill (HDTV)		WGN News
251	251	251	WGN	My Wife-Kids	According-Jim	TwoHalf Men	Family Guy	Gossip Girl (HDTV)				

critics' corner

The Mole
So who is the Mole? We'll find out tonight, along with learning which remaining contestant takes home the big money for being the most successful at figuring out who's been sabotaging the group's missions. Did you guess the Mole's identity ahead of time? See if your suspicions were right or wrong. Jon Kelley hosts the season finale. 11 PM on ABC



XXIX Summer Olympics
A developing story line to watch all this week is the progress of 2004 gold-medal gymnast Kyle Shewfelt, who competes today in the men's team final. The 26-year-old Calgary native is coming back from two broken legs and ligament damage he suffered while training for the world championships last summer. He's considered a long shot, but just the fact that he's made it to Beijing is a victory in itself. 7 PM on CBC

Putting It Together
Best known for her comedic talent, Carol Burnett also has one heck of a strong, clear singing voice. In this special, she and other warblers — including Tony winner George Hearn and "Torchedwood" hottie John Barrowman — get together to celebrate the music of Stephen Sondheim. 9 PM on BRAVO

Rumours that actress Angie Harmon is pregnant with baby No. 3 are not true, her husband, former NFL star Jason Sehorn has said. USMAGAZINE.COM



Celebrity Buzz

Kate will talk about ex-husband

RELATIONSHIPS Even though Kate Hudson has indicated she likes to keep her private life private, she admitted she finds it tough to stay tightlipped, msnbc.com reports.

"It's so hard for me — because I'm so open — to hold back," the actress told *W* magazine. "I could really just go on forever about this stuff."

Hudson never publicly acknowledged her recent romance and subsequent breakup with

France champ Lance Armstrong. In fact, there's only one former flame she's willing to open up about, and that's her ex-husband, Black Crowes front man Chris Robinson.

"We can talk about Chris till the dogs come home," Hudson said. "I married Chris, I had a baby with Chris, Chris will be in my life for the rest of my life. But everything else — I've learned that things are better left private until you're actually planning the wedding."

METRO NEWS SERVICE

GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS



Anne pans nips, tucks

PEOPLE Anne Hathaway has taken aim at actors who alter their faces with plastic surgery, insisting film stars need flaws to express emotion, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress once felt so insecure about her looks, she reportedly considered having a nose job.

But the 25-year-old, now the face of beauty giant Lancôme, is happy with her imperfections because they lend her face

character.

"I wanted a nose job, but now, my nose is what lets me change my face a lot and I can be glamorous as Agent 99 (in *Get Smart*), then look rough as a drug addict for (director) Jonathan Demme (in the forthcoming movie *Rachel Getting Married*)," Hathaway said.

"Your face needs to have character if you're an actor, otherwise you're just a face," she added.

METRO NEWS SERVICES



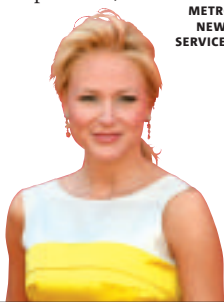
celebrity brief

Jewel says 'I do' to rodeo champ

RELATIONSHIPS Singer-songwriter Jewel and her boyfriend, rodeo champion Ty Murray, eloped to the Bahamas and exchanged vows in a private ceremony Thursday night, People.com reports her rep as having said.

The pair, who never announced an engagement, have been together for 10 years and share a ranch in Stephenville, Tex.

METRO NEWS SERVICES



Paris plans Vegas club

PEOPLE Paris Hilton wants a Las Vegas hotspot to call her own, intouchweekly.com reports.

"I'm in talks right now," the hotel heiress said. "I think I found a really good space."

Hilton should have no trouble getting people to line up.

"The Vegas crowds love her," says a Las Vegas nightlife insider. "It's a mob scene every time she arrives."

And while Hilton is coy about the details, she already has a name.

"But I can't tell anyone," she says. "It's not trademarked yet!"

METRO NEWS SERVICES



Penelope lauds private life

PEOPLE Actress Penelope Cruz's personal life is "the best" it has ever been, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Cruz is dating actor Javier Bardem and is delighted with the way her one-year relationship is going.

"I have to tell you, my private life is at its best," she said.

However, when

pressed on the subject, Cruz refused to elaborate.

"If you want to know more about him, then please ask him," she said. "I am not going to say any more ... I find being in the spotlight for my personal life really uncomfortable."

METRO NEWS SERVICES



"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

Clay Aiken is a father, and claims on his website that the baby was delivered at 8:08 a.m. on 08/08/08. That's not the least bit creepy, Clay. No word on how close they came to naming the baby "Beijing Olympics Aiken."

Anne Hathaway's sentiments about avoiding plastic surgery are admirable, but they show that our Anne hasn't been following the awards shows lately. In 2003, the Oscars handed the statuette to the fake-nose sporting **Nicole Kidman** for playing Virginia Woolf in *The Hours*. The following year, both **Renée Zellweger** and **Charlize Theron** took home statuettes for using dirt, makeup and prosthetics to appear surprisingly unattractive in movie roles.

The lesson is obvious. Do whatever it takes to make yourself as purty as possible in real life, then take a part as an ugly duckling novelist, serial killer, or scrappy farmhand, and it's Oscar time, baby!

You have to admit, **Paris Hilton** is breaking new ground. She's usually in the news for opening something quite different than a nightclub. As for the name, I'm afraid she's going to be very disappointed, because even though I failed out of law school, I'm fairly certain that the makers of Valtrex won't let her have that name for her club.

NEWSDESK@METRONWS.COM

Earn \$31.45/hr
as a Professional
Home Stager.



Enroll now at the Haverhill Institute of Staging and begin an exciting career as a Professional Home Stager.

Haverhill's employer assisted job training program guarantees you full or part-time employment as a Professional Home Stager following graduation.

Starting wage \$31.45/hr. Health benefits after 6 months.

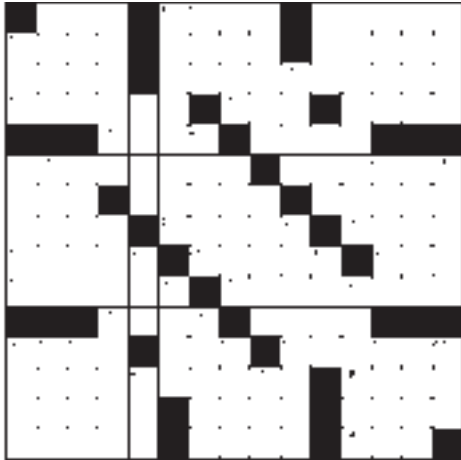
Get started today! Call now for more Details:
1.866.927.7782 or visit haverhillstaging.com

* health benefits to full-time employees. Fully Refundable Course Fee Applies.

THE HAVERHILL INSTITUTE OF STAGING & DESIGN

Blackwell wakes from coma

Hollywood fashion critic Mr. Blackwell has regained consciousness after collapsing at his Los Angeles home last week, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Publicist Harlan Boll has reportedly confirmed the 86-year-old is now conscious after waking from a coma on Thursday. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Take Five**Crossword down**

- 1 Pita treat
- 2 Mini-guitars
- 3 In an orderly manner
- 4 Returned (2 wds.)
- 5 Weeks per annum?
- 6 Game plan
- 7 Cries
- 8 Tai — ch'uan
- 9 Clothing-label caveat
- 10 Autobahn vehicle
- 11 Cherry leftover
- 12 Just
- 13 — Mahal
- 18 — shui
- 20 Crazy
- 24 Different
- 26 Mouths
- 27 Quits marching
- 28 Maureen or Scarlett
- 29 Forum speech

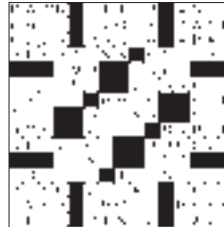
- 30 Cut, as ties
- 32 Know-how
- 33 Tea variety
- 34 Courtroom word
- 37 Age, as cheese
- 40 John Wayne flick (2 wds.)
- 42 Celebrities
- 45 Physics workplace
- 47 Cassette
- 50 Precious thing
- 52 Castaway's refuge
- 54 Marine birds
- 56 Hits, slangily
- 57 Q.E.D. part
- 58 Cato's year
- 60 Herr von Bismarck
- 62 Tiny insect
- 63 Police bust
- 64 Feminine principle
- 66 Ticked off
- 67 Prince Val's eldest

Crossword across

- 1 Six-shooter
- 4 Smooth-talking
- 8 Abyss
- 13 Little kid
- 14 Verdi heroine
- 15 — couture
- 16 District
- 17 Camera part
- 19 Bump against
- 21 Dark brew
- 22 Pocket change
- 23 Timber wolf
- 25 Winter precip

- 27 Good golly! (2 wds.)
- 31 Comprehends
- 35 So!
- 36 Earth color
- 38 Lopsided
- 39 Like many a train
- 41 Costner or Spacey
- 43 Go backpacking
- 44 Quavering sound
- 46 Transplant
- 48 Hawaii's Mauna —
- 49 Open shoe
- 51 Store owner

- 53 Theater award
- 55 Has a snooze
- 56 Hibernating animal
- 59 Move to and —
- 61 Steeple
- 65 Pretty shrub
- 68 Tien Shan mountains
- 69 Chinese mammal
- 70 Raison d' —
- 71 Fritz's refusal
- 72 Bore
- 73 Heirs, often
- 74 Male parent

previous day's answer**Horoscopes****AVATAR VENUS****ARIES****MARCH 21-APRIL 20**

Wait until tomorrow to make a significant decision. A meeting will please you and your friend. Don't dawdle on the way home.

TAURUS**APRIL 21-MAY 21**

There'll be a delay in getting results. Come up with a better plan while in transit. Regret is brought about by a friend's social blunder.

GEMINI**MAY 22-JUNE 21**

Don't be too embarrassed when you're conspicuous. Stay focused on what needs to be done. Negotiate over a serious concern.

CANCER**JUNE 22-JULY 22**

This could be a roller-coaster type of a day. Your convictions can determine events. Intervention will be necessary in legal matters.

LEO**JULY 23-AUG 23**

A stubborn person decides that it's time to quibble. Your personal resources will increase. You may be accused of being prim.

VIRGO**AUG 24-SEPT 22**

A couple will decide to tie the knot. Your suggestion is being considered by the boss. A trusted person has a trick up his sleeve.

LIBRA**SEPT 23-OCT 23**

You'll learn to tune into a loved one. Today's debate will intrude on your quiet time. Avoid obsessing over trivial mistakes.

SCORPIO**OCT 24-NOV 22**

Nostalgia for a lost love leads to deep thoughts. A woman is gone with the wind. Don't challenge a cynical person.

SAGITTARIUS**NOV 23-DEC 21**

A phone call brings very strange news. Be fearless in approaching the unknown. A unique romantic chance will arise.

CAPRICORN**DEC 22-JAN 20**

You can find the obvious solution to a problem. Watch when others behave differently. Do something good for a proud person.

AQUARIUS**JAN 21-FEB 18**

Remember to rest up after a hard job. Your body knows best. You'll fling your disbelief out the window before noon.

PISCES**FEB 19-MAR 20**

A wiggling idealist fails to win attention. A tolerant woman can see through other people. Comments are made about never finding love.

Looking for new rental digs?

Check out our Apartment Finder in the Weekend Edition of Metro. Find a quiet bachelor in Halifax, or a townhouse in Bedford. We cover all HRM.

Or check out our paper online! Visit metronews.ca and see "Print Editions Online" at the bottom of the site to view past Weekend Editions!

metronews.ca

This day in history

AUG. 11, 1804: Francis II assumed title of first Emperor of Austria

AUG. 11, 1918: World War I - Battle of Amiens ends

AUG. 11, 1929: Babe Ruth becomes the first baseball player to hit 500 home runs in his career with a home run at League Park in Cleveland, Ohio.

AUG. 11, 1934: Federal prison opened at Alcatraz Island.

AUG. 11, 1952: Hussein proclaimed king of Jordan.

AUG. 11, 1972: Vietnam War: The last United States ground combat unit depart South Vietnam.

AUG. 11, 1999: The exceptional Salt Lake City Tornado tears through the downtown district of the city, killing one.

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

9	4	6	3	1	5	2	7	8
7	8	5	6	4	2	1	3	9
1	3	2	7	8	9	5	6	4
2	6	3	1	7	8	9	4	5
5	7	8	9	6	4	3	2	1
4	9	1	5	2	3	6	8	7
6	1	4	2	5	7	8	9	3
3	5	7	8	9	6	4	1	2
8	2	9	4	3	1	7	5	6

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13: Genius
13-17: Scholar

17-21: Smart
21-25: Not bad

25+ Keep practising
[more games metronews.ca](http://moregames.metronews.ca)

Sudoku

7	4			9		1		8
		6						3
8				3		9		
	2	9	1					
3			8					9
		6	7	5				
	3		2					7
2				3				
1	7		6			5	4	

Earn \$31.45/hr as a Professional Home Stager.

Call now for more Details:
1.866.927.7782
or visit
haverhillstaging.com

Fully Refundable Course Fee Applies.

THE HAVERHILL INSTITUTE OF STAGING & DESIGN

Halifax weather**Afternoon**

Variable.
22°

Tonight

Showers.
15°

Tuesday

Rain.
20° / 16°

Wednesday

Variable.
21° / 14°

Thursday

Partly cloudy.
22° / 13°

**Temperature Normals**

High: 22.9°
Low: 15.1°

Records

High: 28.9°/1976
Low: 11.1°/1968

Sunrise: 6:12 a.m.
Sunset: 8:25 p.m.
Moonset: 12:39 a.m.
Moonrise: 5:23 p.m.

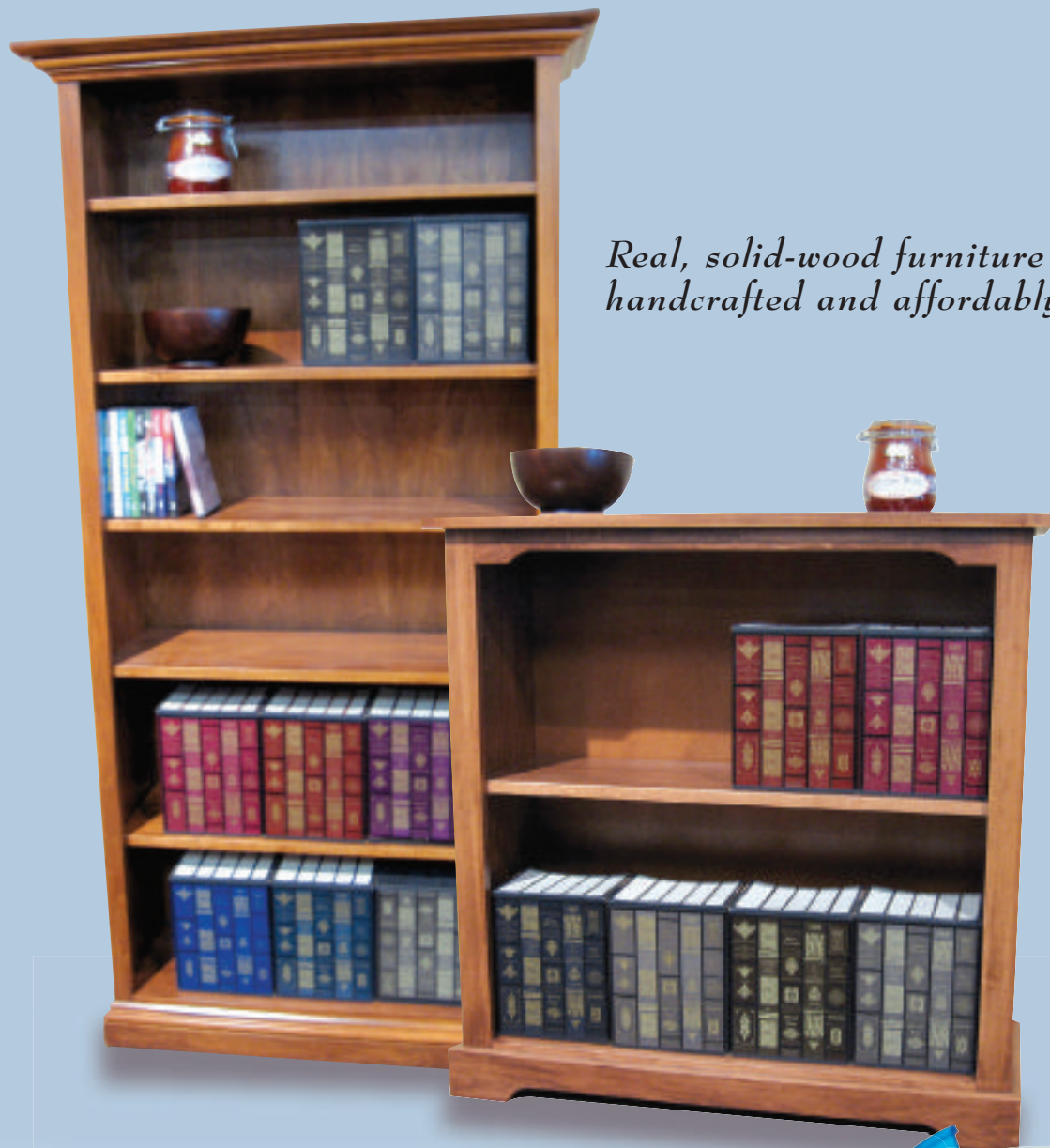
©The Weather Network 2008



NOW OFFERING
TRAFFIC ON
YOUR MOBILE!



Download TrafficEye Mobile™ at theweathernetwork.com/mobile



*Real, solid-wood furniture
handcrafted and affordably priced.*

Back to School Sale

**NO INTEREST & NO PAYMENTS
FOR 18 MONTHS OR SAVE THE TAX ***

*Sale ends August 31st. Regular Stock Items Only.
Certain Conditions Apply. See Store For Details.

LAKE CITY
WOODWORKERS

386 Windmill Road, Dartmouth 465-5000
lakecitywoodworkers.com

